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1. The following regulations were contained in an order dated 23 June 1950 and signed by General Jaroslav Prochazka, Chief of the General Staff, and Alexej Cepicka, Minister of National Defense:
 - a. All military airplanes and training planes are to be grounded as of mid-night, 24 June 1950. This directive applies to civilian planes also, except necessary international flights. Domestic flights are to be limited to the most essential requirements, and planes may be used only after the submitting of details of the flight together with a complete list of passengers. Exempted from this ruling are the flights made by foreign diplomatic representatives, who must not know of these restrictions. Such flights will be supervised by the military police in cooperation with the civilian authorities in charge of the technical servicing of the airfields. Excepted, also, are flights specifically permitted by the Chief of the General Staff. All planes must be in readiness for immediate use, including the filling of tanks, and they are to be subject to further orders of the Chief of the Air Force and the Chief of the General Staff.
 - b. All training and exercises by all armored units in Czechoslovakia are to be suspended immediately, and the following orders are to be carried out: All tanks and armored cars are to be assembled in parking areas of the individual units. All armored units are to be alerted, and vehicles are to be equipped in accordance with mobilization orders. All leave for enlisted men, non-commissioned officers, and officers is to be cancelled at once, and all personnel are to return to their units immediately.
 - c. Transportation and Communications:
 - 1) Transportation of goods by automobile is to be discontinued as of mid-night, 24 June 1950, for a period of five days. This order applies to all motorized units in Czechoslovakia. All vehicles are to be assembled in car parks and must be equipped in accordance with mobilization standards and readied for action. Each vehicle must contain gas for twelve hours' driving. Crews of vehicles are to be alerted for a period of ten days, and all leave is to be cancelled immediately.

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- 2) Railway transportation of passengers and goods is also to be placed under control for ten days. Certain railway stations are to prepare a number of passenger railway cars and trucks, which must be available for immediate use. Locomotive heating sheds are to maintain pressure in the boilers of a certain number of locomotives for a period of ten days. Personnel at railway offices and shipping offices are to be placed under military control as of midnight, 24 June 1950.
 - 3) In association with the Ministry of National Defense, the Ministry of the Interior directs that all police units in Czechoslovakia be alerted. Police battalions are to be alerted, and their motorized units are to be equipped in accordance with mobilization standards.
 - 4) The Ministry of the Interior is also to take over the control of all postal, telephone, and telegraph offices in Czechoslovakia. As of midnight, 24 June 1950, all these offices are to be under police control. All police stations are to be alerted for disturbances and for the defense of public offices, buildings and post offices. All internal and foreign telephone calls are to be subject to police control.
 - 5) All broadcasting stations and transmitters, buildings and technical equipment are to be guarded by larger military and police guards, who are to be equipped with light automatic weapons.
 - 6) The measures described above are to be controlled by the STB, and the orders are to be carried out by the political officers.
- d. Military munition and food supplies are to be checked immediately and brought up to mobilization needs. This applies to every type of munition and to all units in Czechoslovakia. In addition, all deliveries to civilian firms of goods such as gas and explosives are to be stopped immediately.
2. The order dated 23 June 1950 is of temporary validity except for the provisions described in paragraph 1a. and b. and the provisions pertaining to the control of telephone and telegraph offices and the guarding of transmitters and pertinent offices.

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